

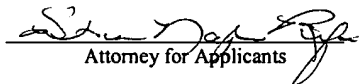
REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1-25 stand rejected. Claims 1, 13, 20, and 23 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Support for these amendments are found in the originally-filed specification on page 15, *inter alia*.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5086.

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